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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MUZOREWA CRITICIZES ANGLO-AMERICAN
PLAN AND DR. OWEN.

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS ON JANUARY 16 THAT BISHOP MUZOREWA
CRITICIZED THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN AND DR. OWEN OVER THE
WEEKEND. MUZOREWA REPORTEDLY "DEPLORED WITH CONTEMPT"
OWEN'S ATTEMPTS TO WRECK THE INTERNAL NEGOTIATIONS BY
RESUSCITATING THE "COLD AND DEAD" ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS.
HE WARNED OWEN NOT TO MEDDLE, SAYING "THE IMPORTANT THING
IS THAT WE HAVE NOW COME UP WITH A GENUINE SETTLEMENT
PLAN WHICH ACHIEVES THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MAJORITY OF OUR
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PEOPLE. THIS IS WHAT THESE (INTERNAL) TALKS ARE ALL
ABOUT, NOT A BATTLE OF WITS OR DELAYING MANOEUVERS DURING
WHICH WE TRY TO CONSOLIDATE OUR RESPECTIVE STRENGTHS."
HE ADDED THAT IT IS "IRRESPONSIBLE" FOR NEIGHBORING
STATES TO CONDEMN "OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE." THESE
STATES, MUZOREWA SAID, WANT ZIMBABWE TO "SUFFER THEIR
SAD AND HUNGRY FATE."

2. MUZOREWA ALSO COMMENTED ON HIS ACCEPTANCE OF
TWENTY-EIGHT RESERVED WHITE SEATS IN PARLIAMENT (REFTEL).
HE SAID THAT WHITES MUST BE ENCOURAGE TO STAY AFTER
BLACK RULE IS INSTITUTED. " THEY ARE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTRY--
AND THEY ARE AN ECONOMIC FACTOR", MUZOREWA REPORTEDLY STATED. BOWDLER

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